

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMCAST OF GEORGIA, INC.,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION FILE  
NO. 1:06-CV-2595-TWT

ORDER

This is a puzzling case. The EEOC sues on behalf of a current employee of the Defendant alleging that he was the victim of age and sex discrimination for one of the forty or so positions that he applied for after he was laid off due to a reduction in force. The position was filled in May 2005 by a younger female employee. The alleged victim was hired by another cable company in October 2005, a year before the EEOC filed this lawsuit. Within a few months, that cable company was taken over by Comcast and the alleged victim has been employed by Comcast – with no complaints of discrimination – ever since. So this action is now about five months of unemployment. When the alleged victim was laid off, he received severance benefits of about \$35,000.00. The case is before the Court on the Report and

Recommendation [Doc. 61] of the Magistrate Judge recommending that the Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment [Doc. 40] be granted. The forty-one pages of Objections by the EEOC to the Report and Recommendation are without merit. The Defendant's hiring manager understandably thought that the alleged victim would not be happy with a fifty mile commute between Acworth and Rome for a salary that was half of what he had previously made. This was a legitimate nondiscriminatory reason not to offer him the Rome position. The EEOC has abandoned its administrative claim that the alleged victim was discriminated against when he applied for the forty or so other positions during the brief period when he was laid off. The Court approves and adopts the Report and Recommendation as the judgment of the Court. The Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment [Doc. 40] is GRANTED.

SO ORDERED, this 14 day of May, 2008.

/s/Thomas W. Thrash  
THOMAS W. THRASH, JR.  
United States District Judge